

# GULF COAST BREEZE.

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## EDITORIAL.

The jury in the Pitzer case are out, trying with the life of the accused.

Little Greece is having all the Turkey she can say grace over, but not a bit of Thanksgiving sauce with him.

An American named Henshall was married last week to a Chinese girl named Ah Fong. Every one to their mate, as the old lady said when she kissed the girl.

The man with his barn full of corn, peas, oats and hay, and his smoke house full of home raised meat, need a little awake at night, worrying over the financial question.

A genuine case of leprosy was discovered in the hospital at Baltimore a few days ago. The victim of this terrible malady was a woman who had been traveling in the West India Islands.

Col. R. H. M. Davidson, and Messrs. Milton Bryan and H. E. Day have been nominated by Governor Bloxham for Railroad commissioners and their contestation will come up before the Senate today.

The state made out a strong case against Pitzer, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Gato, in Jacksonville, but the defense has also made a strong showing in the way of an alibi. Yesterday and day before were devoted to arguing the case, and the verdict is looked for with much interest.

The Seminole Indians of Florida have been pressed Southward by the march of civilization until they can go no farther on land, and Capt. Hendry, of Lee county, is trying to get 23,040 acres of land, on which they are now squatted, set aside for them as a homestead. They ought to have it.

The largest telescope in the world has just been built at the expense of Yerkes, the Chicago millionaire. It completely lays the Lick telescope in the shade, and brings the sun, moon and stars thousands of miles nearer to us, but the heart and soul of Weyler, the Spanish butcher is too small to come within its range.

The world smiles with contempt, at the folly of the sputtering little moth, when it batters its life out against a lamp chimney in a vain effort to get at the light, but it applauds the exploits of Dr. Nansen, Lieut. Peary, Prof. Andree and the great human moths who have gone before them, and sacrificed their lives sputtering around the imaginary North Pole.

An old woman was arrested in Atlanta the other day, for trying to entice a young girl away from her home, for the purpose of inducing her to lead a life of lewdness and shame, but when the case was called for trial, not a line could be found in the statute books of the great state of Georgia, under which the old hag could be punished, though her crime was even worse than assault with intent to murder, and she confessed to committing it.

The capricious waters of the Rio Grande del Norte, which means great river of the North, is about to do what the armies of Mexico failed to do, capture a part of Texas. The channel of this river is the Northern boundary of Mexico and the big floods last week caused it to shift its current, cut a channel through the streets of El Paso Texas and leave a large part of that city, including some important enterprises, on the Mexican side of the river.

## A RAILROADERS PRAYER.

It is said of a railroad man, that being called on to lead in prayer after having joined the church, he astonished his hearers with the following unique supplication: "O Lord, now that I have flagged Thee, lift up my feet from the rough road of life, and plant them safely on the deck of the train of salvation. Let me use the safety lamp known as prudence, and make all the couplings in the train with the strong link of Thy love, and let my hand lamp be the Bible.

And, Heavenly Father, keep all switches closed that lead off on the sidings, especially those with a blind end. O Lord, if it be Thy pleasure, have every semaphore block show the white light of hope, that I may make the run of life without stopping.

And Lord give us the ten commandments for a schedule, and when I have finished the run on schedule time, and pulled into the great dark station of death, May Thou, the Superintendent of the universe, say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; come and sign the pay roll, and receive your check for eternal happiness."

The United States government, has gotten its foot into it now. It has aroused the ire of the editor of El Comercio, the Spanish organ of the grocery merchants of Havana. This irate pencil pusher denounces Americans as worse than Cubans and threatens to spit in their faces one hundred times, and to patrol the American seas with brave mariners who will do as they please and not be punished for it. If something is not done to appease the wrath of this terrible editor, there is danger of his punching the bottom out of our war ships with his cedar pencil, blotting out our Federal Constitution with his ink pad, and turning this fair land over to the unspeakable Turk.

Primary elections should be as sacredly guarded, and kept as pure as the final election, or more so if possible. It is in the primary that our candidates are first selected, and if the ballot is allowed to be corrupted there, none but corrupt men can ever win the nomination, and when the fountain head is polluted the entire stream becomes poisoned. By all means let the primary election be protected by the strong arm of the law.

The Sultan of Turkey objects to our U. S. Minister, Dr. Angell, on the ground that he is a Christian and belongs to a sect that is opposed to Mohammedanism. If this is a reasonable ground for objecting to our representatives, we might as well break off all diplomatic relations with the unspeakable Turk, for no American can agree with the Turk on religion.

State Treasurer Collins, at the last moment, tendered his resignation, and the impeachment trial will be averted. Col. James B. Whitfield, a talented and popular young lawyer of Tallahassee, who recently resigned the clerkship of the supreme court, has been appointed by the governor to fill the vacancy.

The resignation of the Spanish Cabinet, because they found it so difficult to prosecute the war in Cuba, shows that the Spanish Government is finding all the trouble that it can manage, right at home.

Will we take eggs for the Breeze? why of course we will! The man who would not accept the currency of his country is no patriot. He ought to be tried for treason and banished to the Dry Tortugas.

The Legislature will adjourn tonight at 12 o'clock.

## ASHMORE ITEMS.

By Jack Main.

The first number of the bright and new little GULF COAST BREEZE has reached Ashmore and is hailed with delight, as a disseminator of the news of this county, and a medium through which home seekers may become acquainted with the beauties, attractions and natural resources of Wakulla county, and the great Gulf coast region of Florida. We welcome you, Mr. editor, to Wakulla county, and trust that the BREEZE may prove a pleasant and profitable investment, and may its influence spread from home to home, until all the people shall know and feel that Wakulla is the fairest and best of all the counties in this beautiful Land of Flowers.

Our little town is still moving on ward. We have a flourishing little Sabbath school every Sunday, and preaching twice a month.

Mr. J. W. Wynn, our jolly townsman, and enterprising, tireless man is making things hum in his line of business.

It is reported here that a Mr. Hall, from Leon county has bought Hotel Panacea from Mr. W. W. Walker, and will take charge of it. The waters of Panacea Springs are the finest in the state, and this hotel is a fine summer resort, and for sportsmen during the winter season there is no place in Florida or elsewhere that exceeds it.

To-day is the time set for execution of Theodore Durant, charged with murdering two young ladies in church in California. He has invited his father and mother to the hanging, and they have accepted the invitation but the jail warden protests against their presence and the matter may have to be settled by higher officials.

Mr. Jim Castleberry captured a fifty pound turtle last week in his oat patch.—Macon County Citizen. Down here that fellow would be called a gopher. Turtles do not graze out in the oat fields, but our fishermen turn them over on the Gulf coast beach nearly as large as a Jersey cow. 300 pounds is no uncommon weight for a Gulf coast turtle.

While Florida was placidly enjoying the Gulf coast breezes last Monday afternoon, the tier of states lying north of here were being shaken up by an earthquake. The shock was distinctly felt as far South as Atlanta, but no serious damage was done by the quake.

Mr. Tom Head, of Macon county, Ga., rejoices in the possession of a chicken with three wings. Tom seems to be raising chickens for the girl who "dined heartily on the wing of a lark."

Election of United State Senators by the people is the only sure escape from the disgraceful exhibition of corruption presented by the legislatures of various states of late years.

The plucky little Cubans are making things awfully hot in Pinar del Rio, in spite of the attempts of the Spanish leaders to make the world believe that that district is pacified.

Ripe watermelons are being shipped from Leesburg by the car load.

## TESTING HIS FAITH.

The following good joke is told of Colonel Nat Walker, Wakulla's able representative at the Chicago convention. When he started to the convention, he drew a check on the First National Bank, of Tallahassee, for \$100, to defray expenses. Knowing him to be an ardent advocate of free, unlimited and independent coinage of silver at 16 to 1, the cashier handed him out one hundred sound silver dollars. "Great Scott!" exclaimed the Colonel, as he glanced at the pile of shining metal and remembered that it weighed nearly ten pounds. "Do you take me for a pack mule?" "No," replied the cashier, with a mischievous smile, "But I thought you were a sincere advocate of silver." "Well, I am!" rejoined the Colonel, as he filled his pockets with the shining dollars, and carried the balance off in his hat.

## QUESTIONABLE HONOR.

The haughty attitude of Spain in prosecuting her savage warfare in Cuba, to maintain her national honor, reminds us of the tramp caught by the brakeman on a freight train stealing a ride. When told that he must pay his fare or get off the train, the tramp haughtily replied that he did not care anything for the ride but having descended from a brave and an honorable family who would never condescend to take a ride on a freight train, he would maintain the honor of his illustrious ancestors, or die in an honorable effort. Illustrious ancestors did not count for a cent with the brakeman in the discharge of his duty, he proceeded to kick the honorable gentleman off the bumper and the train passed on, leaving him, honor and all, dumped in a hog wallow by the roadside.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

Many of our readers will remember Mrs. C. A. Fullwood, wife of a noted member of the Florida Methodist conference, who formerly lived at Tallahassee. The Leesburg Commercial says that she came near meeting a horrible death at that place last week. In attempting to get aboard the rear end of a coach, Mrs. Fullwood missed the steps, and before she could recover her balance, was struck by the front end of the next coach and thrown across the track between the wheels of the coach. In a moment more her body would have been horribly crushed, but some gentlemen with blessed presence of mind, snatched her from between the wheels and thus saved her life.

Above all things an institution for training the youth of the land should be kept above reproach and free from every taint of suspicion. We fully agree with the Leesburg Commercial, that if it cannot be positively and indisputably shown that every thing in the State College is as clean and unsullied as the lips of the virgin Dian, then the whole establishment should be washed out, from president down to janitor.

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## EFFECTS OF IMPEACHMENT.

The impeachment of state treasurer C. B. Collins, the trial of which began in Tallahassee Monday, is the subject of much comment on our streets.

Wide apart, are the opinions expressed as to the final effect of impeachment of an officer.

For the information of those in doubt on the subject we quote the following from the state constitution:

"The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment, but a vote of two thirds of all the members present shall be required to impeach any officer, and all impeachments shall be tried by the senate.

When sitting for that purpose the senators shall be upon oath or affirmation, and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the senators present.

The senate may adjourn to a fixed day for the trial of any impeachment, and may sit for the purpose of such trial, whether the cause of representatives be in session or not, but the time fixed for such trial shall not be more than six months from the time articles of impeachment shall be preferred by the house of representatives.

The chief justice shall preside at all trials of impeachment, except in trial of chief justice, when the governor shall preside. The governor, administrative officers of the executive department, justices of the supreme court and judges of the circuit court shall be liable to impeachment for any misdemeanor in office, but judgment in such cases shall extend to removal from office, and disqualifications to hold any office of honor, trust, or profit under the state; but the party convicted or acquitted shall, nevertheless, be liable to indictment, trial and punishment, according to law."

A strong effort is being made to influence Governor Atkinson, of Georgia, to commute the death sentence of Henry White to life imprisonment. It is claimed by his friends and attorneys that while he was present with his father, and fired one gun in the fight with the Columbus police, he did not inflict any of the wounds on the policemen, and that all the killing was done by his father, who paid the penalty on the spot with his own life. Unless the governor yields to the entreaties and commutes the sentence, (and his record thus far is entirely the other way,) the doomed man will be hanged to-day.